

PRESS RELEASE

Petition with 12,563 signatures calling for the release of imprisoned Saudi Human rights lawyer delivered to Saudi official.

Today, September 1, 2015, the **Consul General of Saudi Arabia in Houston Texas, Sultan Al Angari**, accepted a petition signed by **12, 653 people** calling for the release of imprisoned human rights lawyer **Waleed Abu Al-Khair**. The petition was hosted by **Change.Org** a public advocacy website. **Elizabeth King an attorney in Houston** who is working with **Daniel N. Arshack in New York** on behalf of Abu Al-Khair, delivered the petition by hand and was informed that the Consul General would hand the petition to **Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz** who is visiting with President Obama in Washington, D.C. on September 4, 2015.

Human rights attorney Abu Al-Khair was jailed in February 2014 in Saudi Arabia and **sentenced to 15 years in prison for crimes** against the Monarchy of Saudi Arabia. His crimes included calling for a more democratic Saudi Arabia and his advocacy on behalf of his clients who include **Raif Badawi who was sentenced to 1000 lashes and seven years in prison** for calling for free speech in Saudi Arabia and **Samar Badawi** (who also happens to be Raif's sister and Abu Al- Khair's wife) who **was punished for driving a car and disobeying her father** by refusing to marry the man selected for her by her father.

The petition can be found at:

<https://www.change.org/p/ambassador-adel-bin-ahmed-al-jubeir-immediately-release-human-rights-lawyer-waleed-abu-al-khair-waleedabulkhair-from-prison#petition-letter>

Abu Al-Khair was **nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in February 2015** and was recently recognized with Europe's most **prestigious human rights award, the 20th Lodovic-Trarieux Human Rights International Prize**, first given to Nelson Mandela in 1985.

Daniel N. Arshack, Abu Al-Khair's attorney said, "We hope that King Salman will be moved by the number of people who find the imprisonment of Waleed Abu Al-khair immoral and unconscionable to exercise his power by releasing Waleed from prison and permitting him to return to his wife and one year old child. Waleed's young child is named Jaud, which means generosity."

For more information see: <http://www.lawahl.com/files/waleed-abu-al-khair-briefing-book-3/>

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